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Dear Madam:

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the Examiner's Amendment accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated March 12, 2004. This Response is being made solely to make non-substantive clarifications to the claims as set forth therein. The Applicants respectfully request that these minor changes to Claims 38 and 39, indicated by highlighting, be taken into consideration by the Examiner.